Telephone conversation between Tony Summers and David Phillips 2/3/81
5:45 PM

P Good afternoon

T David Phillips

P This is David Phillips. May I help you?

T I hope so. Mr. Phillips, it's Tony Summers here. You remember our conversation on the (blank spot on tape in which TS recalled the Today Show appearance with P, and

...which is intrinsically the same thing -- exactly the same thing in the normal way with paperbacks, but it seemed to me that it would be fair, given that one of your concerns, when we talked on air, which, I felt, was an unfortunate way for us to meet for the first time, was that I should talk to you directly, even if it was only a formality, on this Bishop business. And I therefore am calling you, formally really, with some nervousness, to ask you if you would tell me once again what I assume to be your answer, from the Congressional testimony and so on, on the whole question of Bishop.

P All right Mr. Summers, I'll be glad to do that. However, I'll have to have it -- It'll have to be done by my attorneys.

T Yes.

P Because I'm involved in legal action over this.

T Yes.

P So can you give me an address where they can write you?

T Well, care of McGraw-Hill, of course, yes.

P All right, that's what we'll do then.

T And, although it would be better if it was care of Bruce Lee, who is the specific -- my editor at McGraw-Hill.

P All right, we'll certainly do that.

T Can I take it, however, that your answer is negative, I mean that, in the sense that you, as I gathered as a reporter, from the Congressional

report, that you said you were not Mr. Bishop and that indeed you didn't know a Mr. Bishop. Is that...

P That's absolutely true. And any intimation that I am Maurice Bishop or was connected in any way, is an outrageous accusation and I deny it completely.

T Right. Is that...Would you rather that I left things exactly as they were or would you prefer me to literally put it in the words that you've just put it?

P I leave that up to...I would like you to put it literally, in those words, and I'd like you to add that I'm asking my attorneys, who are representing me in legal aation, in this country and abroad, to write to you in detail. And I think that's about all I have to say.

T Right. Would you wish, sir, to talk to me in a more general area, about the whole thing, in the way that you talked to the chap from the Washington Post back in the Summer, in front of other people, or not in front of people, as you wish? Would you want to do that?

P If so, we'll advise Mr. Lee about that so he can tell you about it.

T OK

P OK?

T All right.

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T Thanks. Bye.